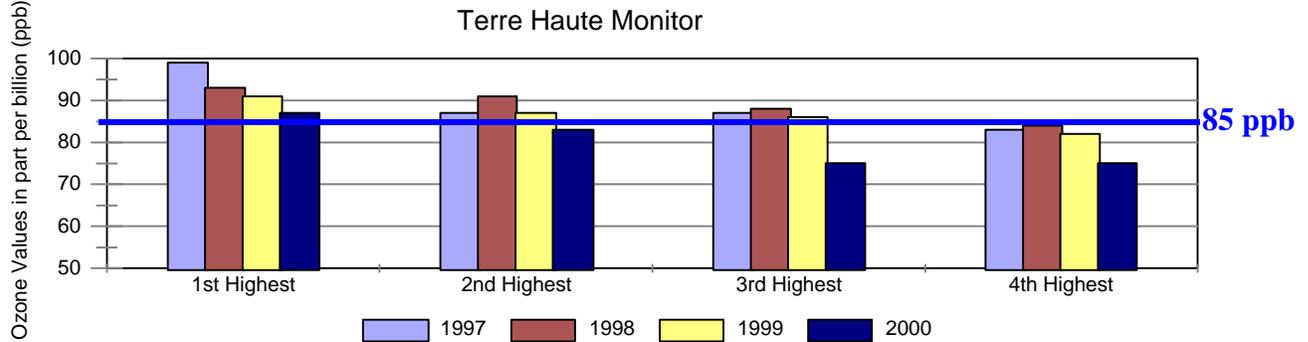
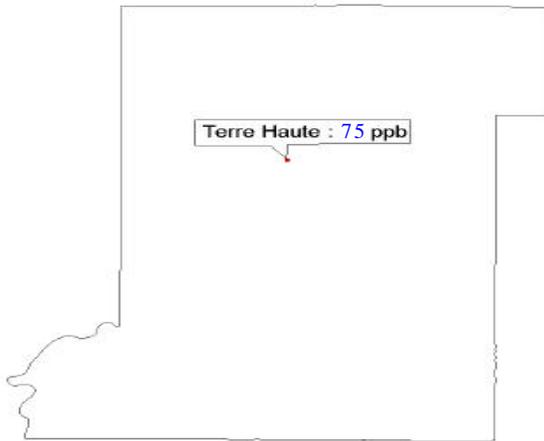


8-Hour Ozone Trends for 1997-2000



Vigo County 2000 Ozone Values 4th Highest 8-Hour Reading



The chart above illustrates the four highest 8-hour ozone values recorded at the Terre Haute monitor from 1997-2000. The fourth highest concentrations from the highest site in an area are the values used for determining if an area is in attainment of the ozone health standard. EPA has indicated that nonattainment designations will likely be based on 1998-2000 data. For Vigo County, the fourth highest readings for 1998-2000 are 84, 82 and 75 ppb. The average is 80 ppb, which will not put them at risk of being classified as nonattainment by EPA. Nonattainment areas may be required to reduce pollution from cars, factories, fuels, power plants and consumer products. IDEM, working with local communities, would be required to develop a plan to bring nonattainment areas into compliance with the ozone health standard.

What Can You Do?

1. Get active in ozone planning for your community. Contact the Vigo County Air Pollution Control District's Ozone Awareness Program to receive local information about taking a proactive approach to reduce ozone and improve air quality. Call (812) 462-3433 for more information on how to get involved.

2. Get in the know about ozone levels. During ozone season, listen or watch for Ozone Action Day information on your local radio and TV stations. You can even get daily ozone readings, forecasts, and monitor data from Indiana's Smog Watch web site. Check out the Smog Watch Web site at <http://www.state.in.us/idem/oam/smog> or call our toll-free Smog Watch Forecast Line at (800) 631-2871 from May through September.

3. Reduce your impact. Ride share; fill up the car or mow your lawn after dusk; and go inside the bank or restaurant instead of using the drive-thru. By making these efforts you can help reduce your impact on high ozone days. For more information on Indiana's ground-level ozone monitoring or voluntary reductions programs, contact OAQ Outreach at (800) 451-6027.

